

## COUNTING 160,000,000 COINS IN U. S. TREASURY



Washington, Dec. 5.—Before March 4 all the money in the United States Treasury will have been counted twice.

The first count has just been finished, under direction of Treasurer Thompson. The successor to Thompson will require a recount of the funds when he takes office shortly.

There are approximately 160,000,000 coins which have to be handled in these countings. The silver dollars make up \$156,708,960, and the rest is made up of quarters, nickels, dimes and pennies. The paper money must be counted also, together with the bonds.

This little chore costs about \$18,000 every time it is performed, which occurs whenever there is a new treasurer.

Counting the thousands of bags of money coin by coin.

The present counting is due to the desire of President Taft to make a job for Carmi Thompson, who filled in as private secretary to the president while Hilles was acting as manager of the Taft campaign. When that sad function was completed, Hilles came back to his old job in Washington, and in order to make a place for Thompson, Lee McClung was forced out.